



TEXAS POND HONKER

December 2019

Character, Charity, Fellowship

TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, December 9, 2019

TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: On The Border



Come join us at “On The Border” 4855 Beltline Road, Addison, Texas 75254 (West side of the Tollway on Beltline). We are meeting in the private room on the west side of the restaurant.

Yes, oh yes, it is Ugly Holiday Sweater Time! Dig those sweaters out, put them on and come parade through the campgrounds of the Texas Pond on December 9th.



We will also collect new or gently used books for all ages for Scottish Rite Children’s Hospital.

For more fun, we will also be playing the “GUESSING GAME” that is guessing how man of each color of candy is contained in the jar. The one or ones guessing the right number of each candy will be awarded a prize. Funds will go to enhance our general fund account.

Appetizers will be furnished by Mary Bramley from Nomad Adjusting. Take time to give her thanks.



Mr. Creator/Builder - Jim Devall, MLG

"Tis the season..." We hear this phrase frequently the time this year, but what does it really mean? My natural assumption was that it came from the song "Deck the Halls" and it was time to be "jolly". Many would ask that with all the added work, travel, stress and anxiety that come with the Holidays, what is there to be jolly about? My own interpretation is that "Tis the season..." is a time to be thankful, thankful for family, friends, job, health, etc. and a time for giving. We all have lots to be thankful for, but our thanks should not be limited to a season. The cardinal principals of the Blue Goose, character, charity and fellowship remind us that every day "tis the season". Our November "Freedom Day

Celebration" was yet another example. It was truly heartwarming to see so many people brave horrific weather to attend the meeting hosted by WRA Risk to bring toys for the children of Community Partners of Dallas. The generosity of our members is amazing, and I assure you that kids at Community partners do appreciate it!

Please be sure you have marked your calendar for the New Year's Kickoff and Fund Raiser, Red, White & Blue Goose. We are set for January 14th, 2020 at Sloan & Williams in Grapevine. We are limited to 100 attendees, so go to the website and sign up now. You don't want to miss such a fun event. If you would like to sponsor the event, you may also do so on the website. We continue to look for items for the silent auction. If you are willing to provide any items for the silent auction, please contact any of your officers.

We look forward to seeing y'all at the December meeting on Monday December 9th at On the Border in Addison. Remember, it is our annual Ugly Sweater Contest, so breakout those ugly sweaters and come enjoy the fun. Best wishes for safe, healthy and happy Holidays. After all, 'tis the season".

Some things to Think About

"Leadership has a harder job to do than just choose sides. It must bring sides together." Jesse Jackson

"You don't stop laughing because you grow old; You grow old because you stop laughing." Michael Pritchard

"Never, Never, Never Quit." Winston Churchill

"I didn't come to Washington to be loved and I haven't been disappointed." Phillip L. Gramm

"Joy is a net of love with which you can catch souls." Mother Teresa

"When angry, count to ten before you speak; if very angry, count to one hundred." Thomas Jefferson

"The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one." Malcom Forbes



The Texas Pond has supported the following charities for several years: North Texas Food Bank, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Wounded Warriors, The Family Place and Community Partners. We choose to stay committed to these charities so that over several years' time, we could make an impact which would make a difference. In addition, we wanted charity activities that could be easily incorporated into our meetings and events throughout the year.

The Texas Pond Officers believe it is time that we review our list of beneficiaries, therefore, we are seeking input from our Texas Pond members on charities they would like to see the organization support. We have designed a charity form for one to fill out and return to us. You can request this form by emailing or calling one of the officers or pick up the form at one of our meetings. We ask that one does some vetting of this charity, then over the next several months we will review these forms and invite the top 5 or 6 folks to come do a 15 presentation to us. Following all the presentations, we will vote on which charities we will support for the next few years.

We would like all submissions to be received by year end, so that we can begin vetting the submissions and invite them for a presentation. Our goal is to have the chosen charities in place for the 2020-2021 Blue Goose year.



"During any of the Texas Pond events, photos and videos may be taken for the benefit of HOBGI – Texas Pond. By attending, you consent to the taking of these images and to the use of your likeness within the images for HOBGI's use, including but not limited to promotional, charitable and commercial, among other uses."

LAST MONTH

The Ganders, Goslings & Guest for the Texas Pond met at WRA Offices in Addison. Due to the cold, rather damp weather the Cornhole enthusiasts played in the hallways of WRA Risk.

Great fellowship was had and everyone enjoyed the appetizers sponsored by Bryan Pope.



The Texas Pond members out did themselves by bringing an array of toys for the Community Partners of Dallas organization.

A total of 60 toys whose value equated to \$1,089.48 were brought to the November Blue Goose meeting. All toys and donations were delivered to Community Partners on November 22nd.



KICKING 2020 OFF IN A COLORFUL WAY — RED, WHITE & BLUE GOOSE

The Texas Pond New Year Gala Event has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020. It will be held again at Sloan & Williams in Grapevine, Texas.

Blue Goose ★ Texas Pond

**NEW YEAR'S KICKOFF &
FUNDRAISER**

RED, WHITE & BLUE GOOSE



**Tuesday, January 14, 2020
5:30-9:30 PM**

**RAFFLE BASKETS • SILENT AUCTION
WINE • CIDER • APPETIZERS**



Sloan & Williams

Winery & Tasting Room

401 Main Street, Grapevine, Texas

\$25 per Person Until January 6, 2020

(\$35 at the Door)

Tickets are Limited.

Register Online at www.BlueGooseTX.org

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Proceeds Benefit:



The sponsors who have graciously stepped forward as of this date to help with this New Year Kick Off Event are:

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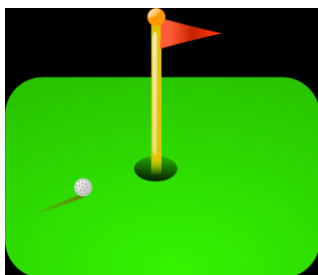
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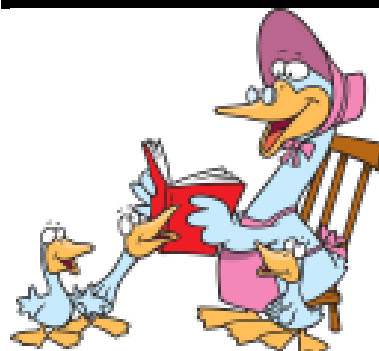


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**ANOTHER UPCOMING
EVENT TO PUT ON YOUR
CALENDAR FOR 2020**



The 14th Annual Blue Goose Golf Tournament is tentatively being set for Friday, June 5th at Bear Creek Country Club. Details will be forth coming.



CHATTER FROM THE GRAND SUPERVISOR OF THE FLOCK (MOTHER GOOSE)

Southern Region – Linda Meik, PMLGG

As the Grand Supervisor of the Flock and the Southern Region Officer, on November 15th, I sent out a newsletter update to the Southern Region members. If you did not receive the newsletter, please let me know.

In this newsletter, I noted that the Southern Region has set up both a Facebook and a LinkedIn page. I encourage every Southern Region member to sign up and join us on these pages. This is where we will highlight sponsors; share Blue Goose Southern Region Convention updates & news.

Here are the social media addresses for these sites:

Facebook Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/416725172357261/>

LinkedIn Link:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12320202/>

The Honorable Order of Blue Goose International's Grand Nest Convention in 2020 will be hosted by the Hartford Pond. The convention is scheduled for July 18-22, 2020.

Following the Hartford convention, it will be the Southern Region hosting of the convention in Grapevine, Texas with the theme of "Southern Charm & Hospitality in 2021."

DONATIONS

The Southern Region is pleased to announce that we have three corporate sponsors and 5 individual sponsors to date.

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changes everything

The individual donors to-date for our 2021 Southern Region Convention

Donna Harwood
JoAnn & Rex Clark
Mary Kay Marchetti

Linda Meik
Ruth Cleland



See what's cooking for the Texas Pond Blue Goose 2019-2020 Year!

DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2019
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

JANUARY MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020
SLOAN & WILLIAMS, GRAPEVINE TX
NEW YEAR KICK OFF EVENT

FEBRUARY MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2020
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX
GOSLING INITIATION TIME

MARCH MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY MARCH 9, 2020
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX



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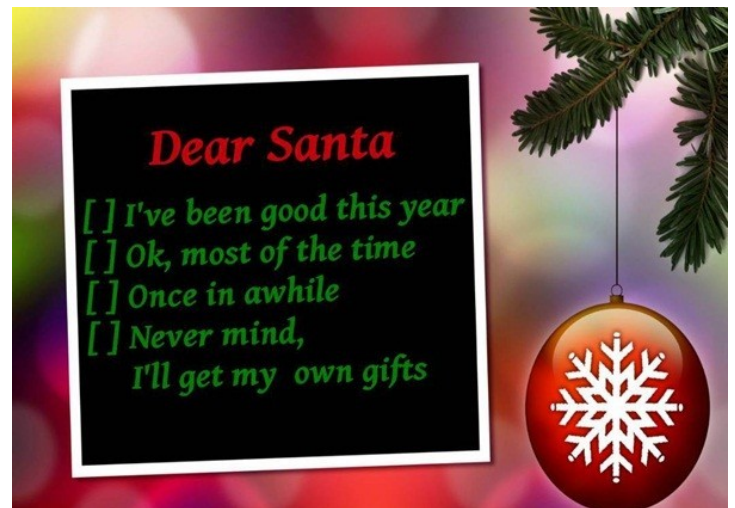
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Start the Holiday Season with a small does of cartoon humor.



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Maxine
Crabby Road

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